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EVIDENCE CONTINUES TO ACCUMULATE THAT THE CHINESE WISH TO SHIELD THE CITY OF WUHAN FROM PRYING FOREIGN EYES. A CANADIAN DIPLOMAT INFORMS US THAT A BUSINESSMEN'S JUNKET TO WUHAN LONG FIRMLY PLANNED AS A FOLLOW-ON TO THE CANADIAN ELECTRONICS SHOW IN SHANGHAI IN APRIL HAS NOW PROVED "IMPOSSIBLE TO ARRANGE." JAPANESE AMBASSADOR OGAWA NOT LONG AGO HAD WUHAN DELETED FROM THE ITINERARY OF A PACKAGE TOUR OF THE USUAL YANGTZE VALLEY STOPPING PLACES; THE REASON--"NOT CONVENIENT AT THIS TIME." AND PERHAPS MOST SIGNIFICANTLY OF ALL, AN AUSTRALIAN VISITOR RECENTLY JOURNEYING BY TRAIN FROM PEKING TO CANTON WAS SURPRISED TO FIND HIMSELF IN NANKING. THE TRAIN HAD BEEN DIVERED OFF THE DIRECT ROUTE, PRESUMABLY TO AVOID PASSING THROUGH WUHAN.
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